



CAIR
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OUR VISION

To attain equal opportunity for,
and normalize the image of,
Muslims in America.

OUR MISSION

To defend civil rights, fight bigotry,
and promote tolerance.



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TESTIMONIALS



“The mission of CAIR-Chicago remains important to this city – and every city – because it advocates for civil rights, facilitates important community partnerships, and presents opportunities for cultural exchange and enlightenment.”

**RAHM EMANUEL,
MAYOR OF CHICAGO**



“You defend the civil rights of your constituents, encourage their political empowerment, and make strides to foster dialogue about cultural awareness and understanding. I applaud your commitment to promoting tolerance and understanding.”

**DICK DURBIN,
U.S. SENATOR, ILLINOIS**

A note from our Executive Director

In its eleven years of service, CAIR-Chicago has handled over **3,300 legal cases** of anti-Muslim discrimination, conducted over **1050 mainstream media interviews**, and graduated over **530 interns**.

Since day one, CAIR-Chicago's guiding light has been our trademark organizational model of "Professional Muslim Activism". This model combines corporate **standards**, in all aspects of our technical work, with the Islamic **values** of human care and social justice into a **pro-active** treatment of the issues.

"CAIR-Chicago is the only specialized, full-time organization in the city of Chicago working to represent the Muslim community in the courthouse and the newsroom, that is in the legal arena in terms of its civil rights, and on the airwaves in terms of its public image."

2014 saw continued success for CAIR-Chicago.

We applied for and were granted Google news indexing of the *Chicago Monitor*, gaining added exposure to our flagship news blog that features **85 unique columnists** who provide fresh and critical perspectives on current events that are often misreported or overlooked by the mainstream media. The writers are young talents, whom we help cultivate into full-fledged writers.

The deteriorating situation in the Middle East has directly affected Chicago Muslim community members and their families. Based on the community's need for legal assistance to deal with the local repercussions, we debuted our **Political Asylum Project** with **10 cases**, mostly from Syria. The project helps community members who are already here but neither have the finances nor the legal representation. So far, two cases have been won and eight are positively pending.

We continued to be available when and where it matters to address issues that deeply affect our community. Local terrorism allegations prompted us to a **multi-pronged approach** that included community-wide meetings with Muslim school student bodies and Mosque assemblies across Chicagoland to **debunk radical ideologies**, online recruitment, and the travails of social media; administering **know your rights presentations** across the city to advise community members of their rights if contacted by the FBI; and addressing public audiences with a hard-to-miss presence in the media that aimed to combat against the tendency to extend **guilt by association**, conflagrate ISIS with Islam, and cast aspersions on the community and its youths.

We consistently work with the media, law enforcement, local affected communities, and partner organizations to ensure that Illinois can move closer to being **hate free**. We are taking the lead on behalf of Illinois Muslims in standing with our interfaith partners and immigrant communities to advocate for **comprehensive immigration reform**.

We were able to resolve key civil rights cases to the benefit of our clients including **citizenship delay** and **employment discrimination** cases. We continued with our landmark **Prison Project** through which we have advised 277 Muslim inmates on their rights and coordinated food and Islamic literature donations for **550 Muslim inmates** to date.

Our **state-of-the-art office center** in downtown Chicago continues to serve as the home base of bustling Muslim activism serving this great city and state right at its heart. Our influence continues to expand from the **local** scene into the **national** and **international** scenes in terms of alliances, speaking engagements, and media representation.

In 2014, our representatives have been hosted dozens of times on networks such as **NPR, FOX News, MSNBC, CNN, Al Jazeera, RT, CBS, NBC, ABC, WGN** among others. We have brought a lucid Muslim perspective on pressing issues to the **Chicago Tribune, the Daily Herald, the Chicago Sun-Times, and the Washington Post** among other newspapers and websites. Our staff has led panels and discussions at **universities, churches, mosques, and temples** in Chicagoland and beyond.



“It is not enough to argue the right messages within problematic frames others have set up. It’s time we contest the problematic frames themselves.”

AHMED REHAB, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We continue to run **Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium (MYLS)** workshops helping to provide direction and motivation for high school students to become exemplary citizens who positively contribute to the progress of their community and country.

In short, CAIR-Chicago continues to be a rising force in civil rights defense and advocacy both in terms of public opinion and legal representation.

Please continue to read through this annual report for a detailed review of our work in the year 2014 and remember to visit cairchicago.org for more information. We hope that you will continue to support our services.

Sincerely,

A. Rehab



Core Values

CREDIBILITY

Gain the trust and respect of all involved.

CONSISTENCY

Our level of motivation and productivity should not waiver with time. The attention given to the various areas of our work should be even.

BEING PROACTIVE

Create programs that predict and preemptively challenge potential problems.

OMNIPRESENCE

Our presence and our programs should enjoy high exposure with members of the Muslim community, the general public, the media, and government.

FOCUSED SCOPE

Well-defined problem areas and solutions.

TRANSPARENCY

What you see is what you get.

EFFICIENCY

No redundancies. Putting the right people in the right place at the right time.

EGALITARIANISM

Reach out to support faith based communities who face similar grievances as our own.

ACCESSIBILITY

Easy to find and reach whether by members of our community or members of the media.

SINCERITY

What fuels our work is not personal ego or a hidden agenda, but rather a genuine desire to effect positive change.

PROFESSIONALISM

Objective and presentable.

CAIR-Chicago is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization registered independently in Illinois. CAIR-Chicago raises its own funds from its local constituency and sets its own operational and strategic agenda. Our office, located in the heart of Chicago's downtown business district, is currently in its eleventh year.



Deputy Director Sufyan Sohel (far left) was sworn in as President Elect of the Indian American Bar Association of Chicago.



Deputy Director Sufyan Sohel and Finance Manager Mohamed Abdelati review expenses for CAIR-Chicago's Annual Banquet.

2014 Financial Summary

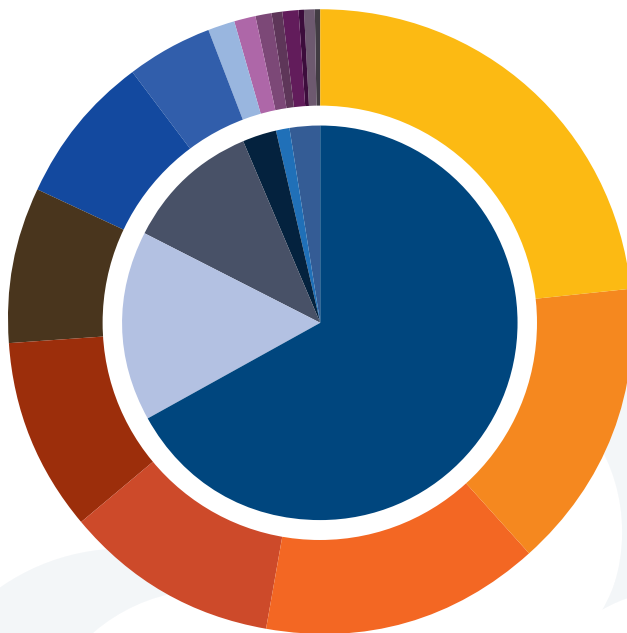
Total Expenses \$725,370.79

(INSIDE) BY CATEGORY BY PROGRAM (OUTSIDE)

Contract & Vendor Services \$18,074.94
 Travel & Meeting Expenses \$7,809.90
 Litigation Expenses \$19,981.46
 Events & Fundraising \$80,304.60
 Business & Operational Expenses \$113,561.48
 Salaries, Benefits, & Payroll Taxes \$485,638.41

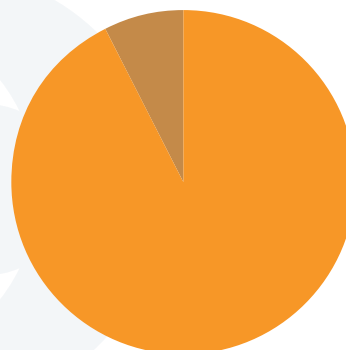


Travel & Meetings \$1,665.12
 Meals & Entertainment \$2,562.57
 Organizational Support \$3,582.21
 Marketing & Advertisement \$4,953.25
 Postage \$5,130.89
 Office Supplies & Expenses \$5,646.15
 Contract Services \$8,259.60
 Accounting Fees & Bank Charges \$9,815.34
 Research \$32,250.00
 Administrative \$56,245.86
 Communications & Media \$58,915.31
 Outreach & Youth Development \$71,622.93
 Events & Fundraising \$80,304.60
 Benefits, Taxes, & Insurance \$105,356.39
 Office Lease & Utilities \$108,608.23
Civil Rights Expenses \$170,452.35



Total Income \$545,133.28

Settlement Proceeds \$40,118.28
 Direct Public Support \$505,015.00



Civil Rights Department

Throughout 2014, the Civil Rights Department of CAIR-Chicago continued its critical work of advocating against discrimination of Muslims in America, litigating when necessary to fully protect our civil liberties. Over 400 complaints were reported to the department, exceeding the amount of complaints in any given year during CAIR-Chicago's history. Litigation Director Kevin Vodak and Staff Attorney Rabya Khan maximized the department's limited resources to assist the local Muslim-American community in numerous areas, working with government officials, business leaders, and legal counsel to resolve both systemic and individual issues.

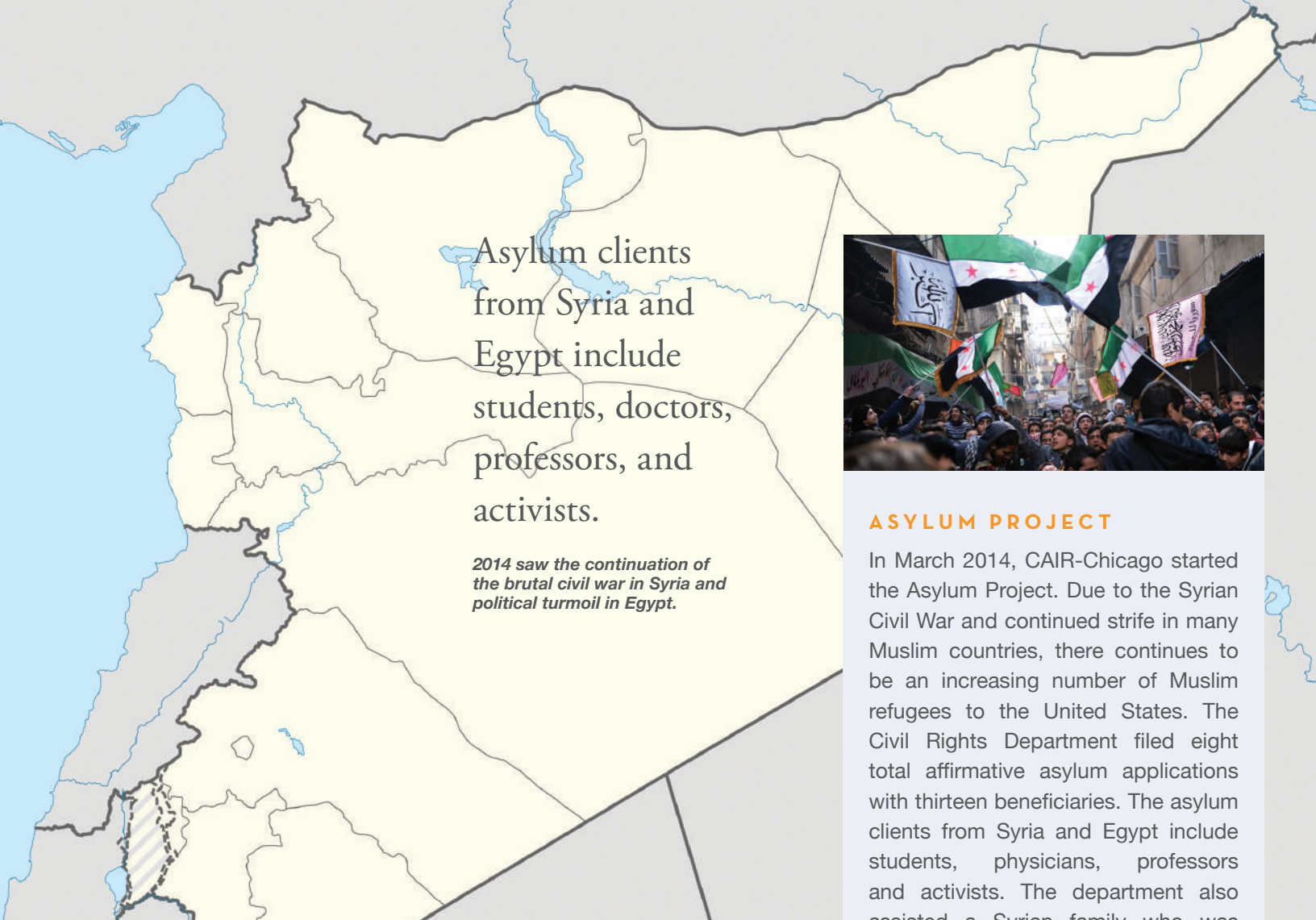
Resolutions to cases conducted by the department in 2014 included employment discrimination, immigration-related complaints, denial of religious accommodations for driver's license applicants, FBI harassment, and school violations. CAIR-Chicago's work in immigration cases ensured that 6 delayed citizenship applicants were naturalized as U.S. citizens, 6 delayed applicants were granted lawful permanent residency, and 2 asylum applications filed by the department were approved in 2014.



ACLU and CAIR-Chicago representatives after a "Know Your Rights" presentation.

“The Civil Rights Department’s extensive work and advocacy has a direct impact on preserving civil rights of American Muslims – relief for the victims, improving policies to accommodate religious practices and eliminate discriminatory measures, and empowering individuals and institutions to protect their rights.”

**KEVIN VODAK,
LITIGATION DIRECTOR**



Asylum clients from Syria and Egypt include students, doctors, professors, and activists.

2014 saw the continuation of the brutal civil war in Syria and political turmoil in Egypt.



ASYLUM PROJECT

In March 2014, CAIR-Chicago started the Asylum Project. Due to the Syrian Civil War and continued strife in many Muslim countries, there continues to be an increasing number of Muslim refugees to the United States. The Civil Rights Department filed eight total affirmative asylum applications with thirteen beneficiaries. The asylum clients from Syria and Egypt include students, physicians, professors and activists. The department also assisted a Syrian family who was placed in immigration detention and currently in removal proceedings. As part of the Asylum Project, the department also files applications for temporary protected status (TPS) and employment authorization (EAD).

To date, two asylum clients have been granted asylum in the United States. Both clients are Syrian physicians who oppose the current Syrian regime and, because of their participation in protests, online activism, and in assisting Syrian refugees, were persecuted and targeted through arrests, interrogations, death threats, and detention. As a result, they were unable to return to Syria safely and had no choice but to flee the country.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

The department fully resolved fourteen complaints of employment discrimination in 2014, most of which did not involve any court proceedings. Litigation Director Kevin Vodak successfully worked with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to secure a consent decree with Rizza Cadillac based on claims by three Muslim employees who alleged that they suffered a hostile work environment for two years and were eventually unjustly fired. The consent decree entered an injunction barring Rizza Cadillac from engaging in any employment practice that discriminates against employees on the basis of national origin or religion or retaliating against those who report such discrimination; mandated the payment of \$100,000 in compensatory damages to the employees; required posting a notice at the dealership regarding the lawsuit and how to report complaints to the EEOC; ensured that all employees will attend anti-discrimination training annually; and provided that the EEOC will monitor Rizza Cadillac's efforts to comply with Title VII over the next two years.

Civil Rights Accomplishments

DIRECT RESOURCE FOR VICTIMS

- The Department has handled over **3300 cases** of anti-Muslim discrimination.
- In the past seven years, CAIR-Chicago has negotiated the payment of over **\$1,245,000 directly to clients** of resolved discrimination cases.
- CAIR-Chicago has **conducted sensitivity trainings** of law enforcement officials, employees and managers of private businesses, faculty and administrators of public and private schools, and offenders of hate crimes.

CITIZENSHIP/PERMANENT RESIDENCY DELAY

- The Department has directly assisted more than **250 Muslim immigrants** to become naturalized as U.S. citizens or gain Legal Permanent Residency after facing extensive delays, and has advised more than 550 individuals on their immigration benefits applications.

FBI HARASSMENT

- More than **180 individuals** have been advised by the Department in addressing contacts by FBI agents.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

- The Department has advised more than **600 Muslim employees** regarding their potential claims of employment discrimination.
- CAIR-Chicago has worked both locally and on a national level to **improve EEOC policies** and procedures to better address Muslim employees' charges of discrimination.

ZONING DENIALS

- Beginning with the Irshad Learning Center, for which the Department obtained judgment in its favor in 2013, CAIR-Chicago has **represented masjids** facing zoning issues. Litigation of the American Islamic Center's denial of zoning relief in the City of Des Plaines continues.

PRISON PROJECT

- The Department has provided more than **290 inmates** with legal advice regarding their rights to **religious accommodations**.
- Beginning in 2012, the Department has coordinated volunteers to provide **food donations** to Chicago area inmates during Eid celebrations.

TRAVEL FREE PROJECT

- The Department **directly advises Muslim travelers** who are delayed, detained, or interrogated by law enforcement officers, primarily due to their names being placed on watchlists by the Transportation & Security Administration (TSA) and other federal agencies. Assistance has included filing Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (TRIP) complaints, issuing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, and working with government officials to resolve the problems.



Civil Rights Team with CAIR San Francisco Executive Director Zahra Billoo and representatives from the ACLU of Michigan.



Staff Attorney Rabya Khan with a client who successfully obtained his certificate of citizenship after it was delayed.



(from left) Staff Attorney Rabya Khan, Dr. Hamadeh of the Muslim Educational and Cultural Center of America, Faiyaz Hussain representing the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, and Litigation Director Kevin Vodak at the Illinois Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights meeting investigating hate crimes in the state.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

United States Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) Public Meeting – On June 12, 2014, the Civil Rights Department attended the USCCR public meeting for a briefing on religious discrimination in prisons and a discussion on a hate crime project proposal.

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Testimony – On August 21, 2014, Staff Attorney Rabya Khan provided testimony before the Illinois Advisory Committee of the Civil Rights Commission addressing hate crimes in a religious context including acts of violence and vandalism against local Muslim institutions.

National Lawyers Guild Convention – In September of 2014, CAIR-Chicago sponsored the NLG Convention, a national event for attorneys, law students, and legal workers focused on human rights. Litigation Director Kevin Vodak presented on a panel with American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) attorneys to address federal law enforcement’s efforts targeting the Muslim community. Staff Attorney Rabya Khan spoke on a workshop providing skills to protect against electronic surveillance.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION

Due to increasing complaints from Muslim women who wear hijab and through outreach with the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF), the Civil Rights Department identified inconsistent application and non-application of religious accommodation for individuals who cover their hair as part of their faith in taking photos for state driver’s licenses, temporary visitor driver licenses, and identity cards. As a result, the department worked with SALDEF, the South Asian American Policy and Research Institute (SAAPRI), and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) to request religious accommodation policy clarification and implementation with the Illinois Secretary of State’s office on state identity cards and driver’s licenses.

Through the coalition, we were successful in ensuring religious accommodation would be granted without further issue and improved training would be provided for DMV staff. The coalition is currently working with the legal staff of the Illinois Secretary of State’s office in developing updated religious accommodation pamphlets, posters, and educational materials available for the public.



(right) Representatives of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the South Asian American Policy and Research Institute, the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and CAIR-Chicago.

Civil Rights Department Cases 2014

• 417 CASES WERE REPORTED

• 46 CASES WERE RESOLVED*

• 3 LAWSUITS WERE FILED

Cases Reported

110	General
96	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
71	Employment
30	Other Government Agencies
23	Federal Bureau of Investigation
23	Prison
22	Criminal
22	Police
12	School
4	Child Custody
2	Public Accommodation
1	Airport/Airline Profiling
1	Hate Mail/Hate Phone Calls

Cases Resolved

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	16
Employment	14
Federal Bureau of Investigation	5
General	4
Department of Motor Vehicles	3
Criminal Offense Against Property	1
Police	1
Prison	1
School	1

**Resolved cases include only those cases in which work has been fully completed. It does not include cases in which verdicts have been rendered or settlements have been negotiated that still require post-trial or other follow-up work. A "resolved" case indicates a case whose completion has been deemed successful by CAIR-Chicago and the client(s).*



Staff Attorney Rabya Khan with members of the Japanese American Service League, Chicago Commission on Human Relations, State of Illinois Governor Quinn's office, the South Asian American Policy and Research Institute, and Advancing Justice for Asian Americans at Fred Korematsu Day in January 2014

“CAIR Chicago proudly advocates and litigates on behalf of American Muslims. We stand against hate, in any form, against any group and strive for creating positive change within our community.”

SUFYAN SOHEL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR



Members of CAIR-Chicago's staff and interns with Nobel Peace Prize winner Tawakkol Karman.

Outreach Department

The Outreach Department aims to educate and build bridges between Muslims and diverse communities in the greater Chicago metro region, establish partnerships with other civil rights and advocacy organizations, and bolster CAIR-Chicago's ability to serve its constituents in Chicago's Muslim communities. To this end, the Outreach Department leads CAIR-Chicago's youth leadership programs, internship and volunteer activist programs, interfaith and intercultural initiatives, and educational seminars.

In 2014, the Outreach Department expanded its community relations efforts. From the midterm elections and legislative advocacy to presenting workshops and welcoming community members in forums hosted at our downtown office, the Outreach Department ensured that CAIR-Chicago connected to the issues of the year that affect the social justice community.

“A promising future is guaranteed when we learn to appreciate one another's voices.”

**GERALD HANKERSON,
OUTREACH COORDINATOR**



Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson presenting in CAIR-Chicago's Azima Center.

Students participate in the spring Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium (MYLS) in March.



MOSQUE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CAIR-Chicago staff delivered Friday sermons (khutbahs) at some of the largest mosques in the city and state in an effort to promote key civic and humanitarian ideals fostered in Islam’s teachings, and equip mosque audience with the resources that CAIR-Chicago offers.

Utilizing the new Azima Center, located within the office, CAIR-Chicago has expanded its programming by increasing hosting opportunities as well as enriching new and long-time partnerships with peer organizations and community events.

Ramadan 2014 provided several key events to address unity, diversity, and social justice. The highlight was the annual Taste of Ramadan Iftar & Cook-off, which relished in its sixth consecutive year of delighting over two hundred community members and supporters in a record number of dishes, desserts and beverages reflecting cuisines from around the world.

CAIR-Chicago hosted or co-sponsored several events revealing the year’s most discussed sociopolitical issues, as well as forming stronger bonds with organizations and our communities. In light of the Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA), the office partnered with American Muslim Health Professionals (AHMP) to assist community members to learn more about the law and sign up before the deadline. CAIR-Chicago supported the Midwest Region Office of Amnesty International-USA in its national Human Rights Conference, where Robert Greenwald and Edward Snowden were featured keynotes.

PUBLIC EDUCATION & ACADEMIA

CAIR-Chicago staff members from all departments were invited to speak at prominent Illinois educational institutions that included Carthage College, Columbia College, DePaul University, Drake University, Harold Washington College, Indiana University–Bloomington, Loyola University Chicago, Northwestern University, Saint Xavier University (SXU), Stevenson High School, Truman College, the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Wright College.

The topics ranged from basic educational seminars to more nuanced issues such as Muslim demographics and current sociopolitical issues in the U.S., curtailing law enforcement abuses, and identity politics.

CAIR-Chicago sponsored the UIC MSA’s annual dinner as well as the annual Islam awareness events at UIC, Loyola, and University of Chicago. The department supported successful efforts by the MSA at UIC to cancel the controversial screening of Honor Diaries, helping to organize a discussion about discrimination, Islam, and women instead.

For years, interns from all departments—with diverse backgrounds, interests and perspectives—have contributed to CAIR-Chicago’s broader advocacy and awareness efforts. Here are some key issues that Outreach and Government Affairs team members have contributed via CAIR-Chicago’s sites and social media:

- **The Obamacare Coercion: Corporations and their Religious Freedom**
- **We Know What You Did: The Adrien Broner and Donald Sterling Case**
- **Celebrities “Tweet” On Israel-Palestine Conflict**
- **History of Immigration Reform after 1980**
- **Are We Living in the Age of Big Brother?**
- **The City That Never Lets You Sleep: Muslims’ Fight Against Bigotry in NYC**
- **The Loss of One of Our Own—A Tale of Two Brothers**

Outreach Department

INTERNSHIP & VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

CAIR-Chicago is indebted to the interns and volunteer activists (VAs) who assist our staff to empower, mobilize, and engage our communities.

In 2014, our internship program hosted 42 interns, externs and fellows, along with 9 volunteer activists, from across the United States, Iran, Poland, and United Kingdom.

CAIR-Chicago enjoys a thriving partnership with over 210 universities and colleges throughout Chicagoland and the nation to offer their students internship and volunteer opportunities year round.



New interns at the Summer 2014 Internship Orientation.

Internships are available through:

- Columbia College
- Columbia University
- DePaul University
- Emory University
- Georgetown University
- Indiana University at Bloomington
- Harold Washington College
- Loyola University Chicago (LUC)
- Marquette University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Robert Morris University
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Missouri at Columbia
- University of Richmond



Outreach Intern Bayan Takouri follows up with elected officials for CAIR-Chicago's Annual Banquet.

Externships are available through:

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)
- DePaul College of Law
- The John Marshall Law School
- LUC School of Law
- Northwestern University School of Law
- University of Chicago Law School
- University of Illinois College of Law
- University of Notre Dame Law School
- Valparaiso University Law School



Volunteers for CAIR-Chicago's 10th Anniversary Gala.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Since 2011, the Outreach Department has led civic engagement efforts in order to educate and mobilize community members to respond appropriately to policies that affect all Americans.

The Outreach Department released a voter guide for both the 2014 primaries and the general midterm election, as well as a legislative scorecard and referendum guide. The midterms also brought CAIR-Chicago to join over two dozen organizations to form the Election Protection Coalition. This group took strides to inform voters about new pilot policies. Lastly, CAIR-Chicago supported efforts to recruit students as election judges, as well as poll watching and exit surveyors.

CAIR-Chicago renewed its call for members of Congress to support legislation on Capitol Hill that would reinforce civil liberties. The office joined the Illinois Coalition to Protect Academic Freedom and Free Speech and mobilized community members to voice their concerns for proposed state legislation (then later a resolution) that would penalize state universities and colleges for institutional boycotts against sovereign nations (IL SB 3017). Finally, the office joined local coalition efforts that would ensure fair, nonpartisan redistricting that would take into account every Illinois community.

In 2014, Outreach sought positions and pledges from federal, state and local officials to act on the following issues:

- Calling to reform the Dept. of Homeland Security TRIP Program
- Supporting the Hate Crime Reporting Act of 2014
- Supporting the USA Freedom Act
- Supporting comprehensive immigration reform for both the state and nation
- Calling to reform the state redistricting process to ensure equity in representation of all Illinois communities
- Voice disapproval of legislation that would penalize public universities and colleges for boycotts
- Support local measures to improve voting accommodations, including Election Day registration and language accessibility
- Supporting the end of abuse and excessive force by law enforcement in all levels of government



Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson and Deputy Director Sufyan Sohail participated in Advocacy Hill Days in Washington, D.C.



Participants watched a presentation, discussed, and handed out fliers at an MLK Day interfaith event.

INTERFAITH ENGAGEMENT

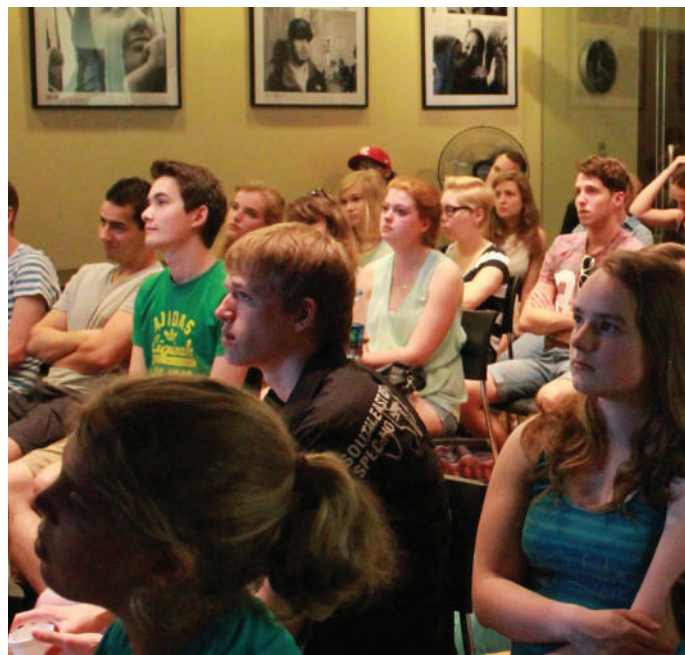
The Outreach department continues to hold educational lectures, workshops and dialogues. Often, Outreach works in interfaith partnerships to engage community members.

Interfaith and social justice have always been featured in CAIR-Chicago's efforts. Through its partnership with the interfaith labor rights group Arise Chicago, CAIR-Chicago stood in support of workers' rights that reflect local and national fronts. We stood in solidarity with the ongoing "Fight for 15" movement, which brought hundreds of workers and their supporters to the world headquarters of McDonald's in Oak Brook. We joined strikers from Golan Moving & Storage, Inc. and their faith leaders in Skokie—Hankerson spoke about how justice transcends differences and moves us towards unity.

The Outreach Department also connected with local partners to infuse dialogue amid new tests to halt progress with interfaith efforts local and abroad. With much appreciation to the Niagara Foundation, Outreach met with the InterFaith Tour, a French quintet (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Atheist and Agnostic) that made Chicago one of their final stops in a global journey for interfaith initiatives. Outreach also participated in the "On the Table 2014" initiative, a partnership with Chicago Community Trust and Niagara Foundation, which gathered thousands of people across the region to generate new ideas, spark new partnerships and shape a plan for building a strong, safe and vibrant community. Finally, our longtime partner, The Catholic Theological Union's Peacebuilders Initiative brought high school upperclassmen of the Abrahamic traditions for dialogue and interactive workshops on the topic of "the stranger", where Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson spoke on the panel giving the Muslim perspective.



Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson (standing) and a student delegation from Iraq participate in a discussion with staff.



A student delegation from Denmark watches a presentation in CAIR-Chicago's Azima Center.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

CAIR-Chicago welcomed international delegations of civic leaders, scholars, educators, students, activists, and law enforcement officials through partnerships with WorldChicago (formerly the International Visitors Center of Chicago), the Global Youth Leadership Institute (GYLI), and the Council of International Programs (CIP)-Chicago. All delegates were guests of the U.S. Department of State. Delegations in 2014 included representatives from Denmark, Georgia, Iraq, the United Kingdom, and Yemen.



EVENTS

Some of the events led by the Outreach Department included:

- CAIR-Chicago hosted students in inaugural Loyola and DePaul job shadow programs
- American Muslim Health Professionals, CAIR-Chicago informed community about the Affordable Care Act
- Released Action Alert to stop passage of state bill restricting academic freedom and free speech
- Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson spoke at UIC MSA Annual Dinner, CAIR-Chicago Sponsored
- CAIR-Chicago sponsored Islam Awareness Month events at the University of Chicago
- Hankerson recited the adhan at the opening plenary of the Interfaith Worker Justice conference at DePaul
- Hankerson was invited to judge for the annual oratorical contest of the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha
- Catholic Theological Union's Peacebuilder Initiative, Or Tzedek, and CAIR-Chicago hosted an interfaith program for high school students
- Hankerson presented an interactive workshop on bullying to local MAS Youth Intensive Summer Camp
- CAIR-Chicago hosted delegations from the United Kingdom, Iraq and Georgia
- CAIR-Chicago's Internship & Externship Immersion Day initiative hosted Joe Macaré, Publisher of *Truthout*
- Hankerson spoke at the Rally for Golan's Workers
- Hankerson presented a workshop on identity politics at UIUC and Carthage College
- Hankerson presented at Indiana University-Bloomington
- CAIR-Chicago joined the Election Protection Coalition, to gauge efforts surrounding EDR, language accommodation and early voting access for 2014 midterms
- CAIR-Chicago released a voter guide and inaugural legislative-referendum scorecard guide
- CAIR-Chicago sponsored the 2nd Annual Halal Food Festival at the UIC Forum
- Hankerson was invited to judge for the MCC Sunday School 25th Annual Speech Contest

Communications Department



Comm. Coordinator Renner Larson instructs an intern.

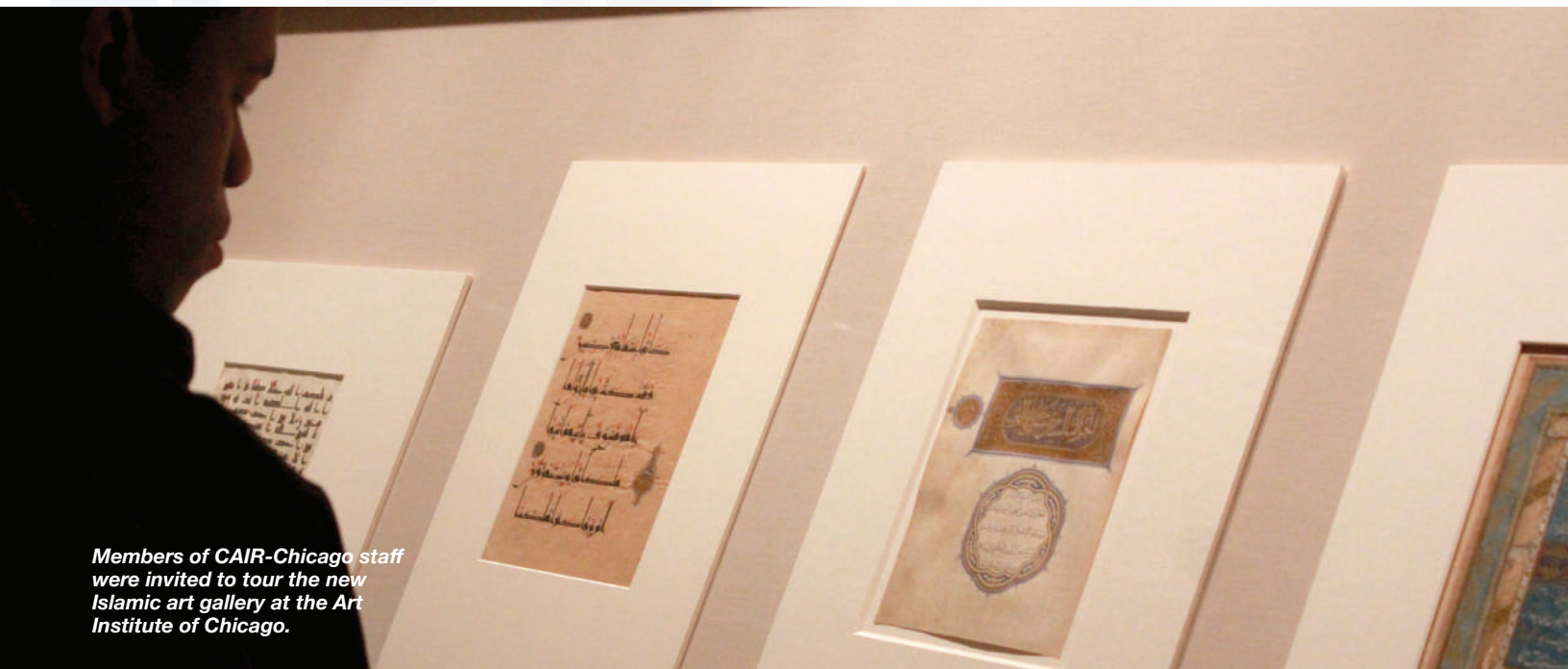
In 2014, the Communications Department continued to evolve. Already serving as a leading resource for producers, editors, and journalists, the Department has redoubled its effort to foster meaningful and constructive dialogue in the digital sphere and local community. By increasing activity on social media and building new relationships with community partners, the Department is influencing the national narrative towards more honest and complete portrayals of Islam and Muslims. These efforts have included everything from publicizing the new permanent gallery on Islamic art at the Art Institute of Chicago to the #CAIRthanks campaign on Twitter where CAIR-Chicago recognizes users creating positive change through social media.



Comm. Coordinator Agnieszka Karoluk speaks at press conference.

With the rise of ISIS in Iraq and Syria, increasing violence from Boko Haram in Nigeria, and several high profile incidents, including the arrest of a local teen, CAIR-Chicago has been the first call media outlets make. The Department responds quickly and effectively, making sure that Muslim voices are heard and fairly represented in the news cycle and national dialogue.

The Department also works closely with the Chicagoland community, networking with student groups, bloggers, and cultural institutions to empower cross-cultural understanding and media activism.



Members of CAIR-Chicago staff were invited to tour the new Islamic art gallery at the Art Institute of Chicago.



Visiting Iraqi students learn to make blogs and participate in media activism.

“New challenges require new solutions, and struggles that began in the streets continue to unfold in comments and tweets.”

RENNER LARSON, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



Ahmed Rehab on the O'Reilly Factor on Fox News.

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

The Communications Department organizes press conferences and issues dozens of press releases and media advisories annually to ensure that Muslim perspectives on vital issues and current events are represented in the mainstream media.

CAIR-Chicago has developed such a strong reputation with media outlets that producers, editors and journalists now come to CAIR-Chicago regularly seeking story ideas and news leads. The efforts of the Department have been crucial to helping shape a more positive and realistic understanding of the Muslim American community.

THE CHICAGO MONITOR

The Chicago Monitor was founded in 2012 by CAIR-Chicago Executive Director Ahmed Rehab and Communications Coordinator Aymen Abdel Halim to offer a platform for activists to produce works that challenge mainstream media coverage by providing alternative perspectives on social justice as well as civil and human rights issues. The Chicago Monitor writers include CAIR-Chicago staff, interns, and volunteers from around the world and the site has attracted thousands of international and local visitors.

During the first half of the year, the Monitor reported on the Palestinian community response in Chicago to the Israeli assault on Gaza; the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement at DePaul University; and the broad coalition that stopped a proposed Illinois bill that penalized anyone supporting the academic boycott of Israel.

Throughout the year, multiple articles analyzed the impact of revelations of NSA and FBI surveillance on the Muslim and Palestinian American communities.

The Chicago Monitor covered important community organizing campaigns including stopping the Children's Memorial Hospital redevelopment; protesting the inadequate plans of the University of Chicago for a local trauma center; and the closing of 50 Chicago public schools.

Rasmea Odeh, a celebrated Chicago Palestinian and Arab community leader, was charged with "unlawful procurement of naturalization." The Monitor offered in depth coverage of her arrest, trial, conviction, and recent release on bail.

In August, the police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson started the #BlackLivesMatter movement

"This year the Chicago Monitor continued to follow significant local, national, and international events. This year we published over 120 articles and featured over 50 individual contributors. From interviews with prominent Muslim authors, to media analysis of breaking news events, and ongoing reporting on important stories, this has been another very successful year for the Monitor and I look forward



to growing the reach and scope of the site."

**BILL CHAMBERS,
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**



that has continued to protest racial profiling and police brutality through to the recent Reclaim Martin Luther King Day (#ReclaimMLK) marches.

For all of these important events of 2014, The Chicago Monitor not only responded, but delivered new insights into the human rights aspects and community impact of these stories.

While CAIR-Chicago aims to fight bigotry, promote tolerance, and defend civil rights, the Chicago Monitor echoes these principles not only by giving voice to new and unique perspectives on critical issues, but also by inspiring activists to participate in social justice, civil, and human rights campaigns.



ONLINE ACTIVISM

In the digital age, stories break on a global scale in a matter of minutes. The Communications Department is quick to respond, anticipating viral stories and being heard 140 characters at a time. When, in early December, a hostage situation perpetrated by a self-declared Muslim cleric grabbed the world's attention in Sydney, Australia, Communications staff helped draw attention to the trending hashtag #illridewithyou. Using #illridewithyou on Twitter and Facebook, Australians, and then the world, expressed support for Australian Muslims who might fear Islamophobic backlash for the incident.

The Communications Department ensures that CAIR-Chicago's websites, cairchicago.org and chicagomonitor.com, are up to date and accessible to the community. Utilizing Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Wordpress the Department maintains a strong web-presence that allows for community members to stay informed, contact CAIR, and report Islamophobia in real time.



Subscribers 282+



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CAIR-Chicago @cairchicago

#CAIR-Chicago condemns all acts of bigotry & intolerance. It's our mission to defend the constitutional right to practice religion in safety.

2:00 PM - 29 Dec 2014



In December, Communications Coordinator Renner Larson worked with Twitter and got the handle @cairchicago approved as an official verified account!

RICHARD J. DURBIN

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February 7, 2015

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the 11th Annual Banquet of the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Chicago chapter. As you gather to celebrate this year's theme, you have an opportunity to reflect on CAIR-Chicago's success working to ensure justice for the Muslim communities and foster understanding throughout Illinois.

For more than a decade, CAIR-Chicago has been a vehicle of change for the Muslim communities in the Chicagoland area. You defend the civil rights of your constituents, encourage their political empowerment, and make strides to foster dialogue about cultural awareness and understanding. I applaud your commitment to promoting tolerance and understanding.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to tonight's attendees for your dedication to defending civil rights and building mutual understanding. Congratulations on all your work and achievements, and I wish you best of luck in your future endeavors.



Very truly yours,

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February 7, 2015

Dear Friends:

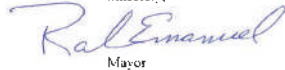
As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to everyone gathered for the the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago's 11th Annual Banquet.

Since its establishment in 1994, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has become the largest non-profit Muslim and civil rights advocacy organization in the nation. Twenty years later, CAIR continues its tireless work to protect and promote the civil rights and liberties of Muslim-Americans. CAIR-Chicago advances this important work throughout the Midwest, providing a comprehensive array of invaluable services to the Muslim-American community in addition to programming for all dedicated to fostering greater understanding. The mission of CAIR-Chicago remains important to this city – and every city – because it advocates for civil rights, facilitates important community partnerships, and presents opportunities for cultural exchange and enlightenment.

This year's event themed *Impact: Advocacy that Matters* presents an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding example CAIR-Chicago has provided in working for diversity and freedom of religion for all residents in our great city. Chicago's vibrant and historic Muslim American community has long played an integral role in our city's standing as cultural hub. I commend the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago for its commitment to the Muslim American community, and to impacting community, culture, and change every day.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, you have my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration and much continued success in the future.

Sincerely,



Mayor



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TONI PRECKWINKLE
PRESIDENT



February 7, 2015

GREETINGS

As President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the residents of Cook County, I offer warm greetings to the members and friends of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Chicago Chapter, as you gather together to hold your 11th Annual Banquet, themed "Impact: Advocacy that Matters."

I wish to commend everyone at CAIR, Chicago Chapter, for your deep sense of mission and for the vital work you continue to do on behalf of the Muslim American community of Cook County. Through your dedicated service in the areas of civil rights defense and advocacy, media outreach, public relations and voter registration, you truly are empowering and transforming Cook County's Muslim American community. Further, I laud CAIR, Chicago Chapter, for fostering awareness, appreciation and understanding of Muslim Americans and Muslim American culture among the residents of Cook County.

May all in attendance enjoy a memorable Banquet, and I wish all continued success.

Sincerely,



Toni Preckwinkle
President



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February 7, 2015

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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest regards to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago) on eleven years of excellence and service. I am honored to welcome all those gathered for the 11th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet: "Impact: Advocacy that Matters". I trust it will be an informative, interesting and thought-provoking event for all.

As a firm believer in civil rights, I salute the Council for empowering American Muslims to participate locally and nationally in political and social activism. By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, you support the rights of all Americans. CAIR has done a wonderful job of engaging all communities in building mutual understanding and trust.

I commend the leadership of the CAIR-Chicago for their role in strengthening ties between our communities, especially through the all-important contacts between individuals and organizations. The New Year offers an opportunity to recall the many accomplishments of the past year, and look toward the future with bright hope and optimism. I applaud your efforts thus far and look forward to our united work in the future.

I offer my sincerest congratulations on all your achievements, and I wish all of you a very successful evening.

Sincerely,

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February 7, 2015

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Dear Friends,

It is my honor to welcome you to CAIR-Chicago's 11th Annual Banquet. I would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible.

Since 1994, CAIR has worked to bring together community leaders, scholars, and activists to defend the civil liberties of American Muslims and advocate on their behalf. As part of the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy group, your work in Illinois and across the entire nation has impacted countless lives and made our entire community stronger.

I salute CAIR on their mission of promoting participation both locally and nationally in political and social activism. I understand that being a minority often subjects individuals to pervasive discrimination, and that is why the work you do is so important. By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, you support the rights of all Americans and the democracy upon which this country was founded.

Again, thank you CAIR-Chicago for the work that you do. I look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish in the future and wish you the best on this night of celebration.

Sincerely,

Tammy Duckworth
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February 7, 2015

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Dear Friends,

I wish to extend my warmest welcome to the attendees of CAIR-Chicago's 11th Annual Banquet.

Your work to ensure civil rights and promote justice and tolerance in our communities is greatly valued and respected. Thank you for your commitment to enhancing the dialogue among different cultures during a time when intolerance can take root if left unchecked.

As a passionate and longtime supporter of diversity, I applaud your goal of fostering mutual understanding and trust among people of different races, cultures and religions.

Please know that your work is greatly appreciated. I wish you continued success for many years to come.

Sincerely,



Robin L. Kelly
 Member of Congress

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February 7, 2015



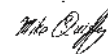
Mr. Ahmed M. Rezaab
 Executive Director
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Dear Friends,

I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations for another productive year. The Annual Report gives us time every year to recognize CAIR-Chicago and its work in fight for the equal treatment and protection of all citizens.

CAIR-Chicago facilitates open lines of communication between different cultures and religions. Their efforts encouraging equality, enhancing cultural knowledge, and promoting justice are both admirable and necessary. The work that CAIR-Chicago does for our city and across the nation not only unites the Muslim community but also expands productive dialogue between cultures. I thank them for their efforts.

Sincerely,



Mike Quigley
 Member of Congress


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January 16, 2015

Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
Council on American-Islamic Relations - Chicago Chapter
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Dear Director Rehab:


Thank you for offering this opportunity to greet and welcome attendees at the CAIR-Chicago 2015 annual Banquet, Saturday, February 7, 2015. I trust that this year's event, like events of past years, will be a great success.

The theme of this year's event, *Impact: Advocacy that Matters*, references CAIR's commitment to turn its network of connections with communities, schools, government, law enforcement, and organizations into measurable actions effective against all to real and prevalent instances of hatred and injustice. If the practice of our democracy is to live up to our vision of democracy we should remind all Americans that we live in a multi-cultural nation and that, in the final analysis, the security and strength of our nation lies in our diversity and our unity. Our mutual commitment to those rights and responsibilities are set forth in our constitution, and they have been deepened, reconfirmed and reasserted over time so as to encompass every American. These are the true core principles of our democracy and these principles have been ratified at great cost so many times over our history.

I salute CAIR-Chicago for their commitment to justice and equality for Muslim Americans . . . and all Americans. CAIR understands that in defending Muslim Americans against employment discrimination, prison abuse, hate crimes and citizenship delays they are also defending our American values for every American.

Once again, welcome attendees, I am certain you are in for a highly worthwhile event, and an unique opportunity to network with community members, leaders and activists from every sector of the Muslim American community in the highest tradition of our grassroots based and driven democracy.

Sincerely,


Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

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January 26, 2015

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
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Dear Members and Leaders of CAIR-Chicago,

I am honored to welcome all of those who have gathered for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago Chapter's 11th Annual Banquet. Congratulations on another successful year of work.

"Impact: Advocacy that Matters", is an appropriate theme for this year's banquet, acknowledging that CAIR-Chicago is committed to ensuring justice, equality and respect for all. The work of CAIR-Chicago has promoted principles of tolerance, religious freedom, trust and safety throughout the community. I applaud your efforts in the preservation of core American values, such as justice and equality.

Again, I would like to congratulate you on your 11th Anniversary. My best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,


Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress





ANDRÉ CARSON
UNITED STATES CONGRESS

February 7, 2015
CAIR-Chicago 11th Anniversary Banquet



As salaam alaikum!

It is an honor to welcome each of you to the CAIR-Chicago 11th Anniversary Banquet. This gathering celebrates CAIR for its work defending civil liberties for all Americans, and I commend each and every one of you for your commitment to this organization and its mission.

CAIR's advocacy on behalf of our community is unparalleled and I am grateful that CAIR positively showcases American Muslim contributions in our country and work diligently to address misconceptions throughout the nation.

Tonight's theme "Impact: Advocacy that Matters" is very fitting as we celebrate CAIR's work and reflect on the coming year. Each of us plays an important role in promoting mutual understanding and equal justice, but, to be effective, our community must demonstrate consistent, strategic and unified engagement on the local and national level. Your presence tonight signifies a willingness to take action, and I am confident that our collective efforts can yield lasting and positive impact.

Thank you for being here this evening and please enjoy tonight's event.

Sincerely,



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January 20, 2015

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CONSUMER PROTECTION/ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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AND CONSUMER CREDIT



Dear Mr. Rehab:

As you celebrate your 11th Annual Banquet, I wish to extend my congratulations to the Chicago chapter of the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on another successful year of impactful advocacy and community engagement.

This year's theme, "Impact: Advocacy that Matters," will encourage further engagement in the political process. Recent expansions of voter restrictions throughout the country attempt to exclude certain voices from the political process. I applaud your efforts to engage with officials on civil rights issues, and I hope the coming year brings additional success to your community.

I also express my gratitude for the organizing work you do on behalf of Muslims in our country. When Islamophobia unfortunately persists, it is up to our community to react with tolerance, moderation, and sincerity. Your social advocacy and media monitoring are crucial not only for the safety of Muslims all over the country, but for the quality of journalism. I personally thank you for holding our media institutions accountable, and making the world a better place for all.

Again, congratulations on another year of impactful work, and I look forward to seeing where you go in 2015.

Sincerely,



KEITH ELLISON
Member of Congress

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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February 7, 2015



CAIR-Chicago
17 N. State St., Ste. 1500
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Greetings:

Congratulations to the Chicago Muslim community in celebration of the 11th annual banquet of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago).

CAIR-Chicago's role is crucial to fostering respect and appreciation of each other's ideas and opinions. This year's theme, "Impact: Advocacy that Matters" underscores the importance of working within our communities, schools and government to promote peaceful understanding among people from different backgrounds, faiths and life experiences.

For the hundreds gathered, this event recognizes the significant achievements of CAIR-Chicago and its efforts to promote understanding and ensure justice in the greater Chicagoland area. CAIR-Chicago's goal of defending civil rights, fighting bigotry and promoting acceptance of the Muslim community is to be commended.

I wish you well in your efforts and best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Jesse White
Secretary of State

Springfield, Illinois 62723



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 7, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear Friends,

As Illinois Attorney General, I am honored to welcome you to CAIR-Chicago's 11th Annual Banquet. I want to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago for its important work to ensure civil rights and promote justice and tolerance within our community.

As CAIR's annual celebration enters its second decade, a very appropriate theme has been selected -- "Impact: Advocacy that Matters." This should remind us that while positive rhetoric is important, actual change -- change that leads to less bigotry and more tolerance -- is even more important. It is important that we not only set goals, but that we take concrete steps towards achieving them.

America is at its strongest when we embrace our diversity. Fortunately, we are blessed to have organizations such as CAIR dedicated to reinforcing the need to build mutual understanding and trust among the many creeds, colors, religions and backgrounds that make up our community and our country. This diversity is our strength.

Again, welcome to all in attendance tonight, and may 2015 prove to be a wonderful and successful year for CAIR-Chicago and all those it serves.

Very truly yours,

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL



OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT
STATE OF ILLINOIS



JOHN J. CULLERTON
SENATE PRESIDENT

To the members & leaders of CAIR-Chicago:

I would like to congratulate you on another year of serving the Muslim Community in Chicago. Throughout the years, CAIR-Chicago's promotion of tolerance, understanding, and political empowerment has been vital to the vibrancy and health of our neighborhoods here in Chicago.

I wish you a successful & enjoyable dinner as you celebrate your efforts. Your dedication to the betterment of Chicago is second to none. Again, congratulations on yet another successful year of serving the Muslim community and best wishes for a memorable evening.

Sincerely,



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February 7, 2015

Dear Members of CAIR-Chicago, friends and supporters:

Congratulations on the Eleventh Annual Banquet of the Council on American Islamic Relations - "IMPACT - Advocacy that matters."

I also congratulate you on another successful year of working to ensure justice for the embattled in our communities and to foster understanding throughout greater Chicagoland and Illinois. I commend everyone gathered tonight in celebration of CAIR's commitment to a better tomorrow for everyone.

On behalf of the Third Legislative District, we give our support and our sincere well wishes to CAIR-Chicago as we celebrate your success this evening.

Sincerely,




Mattie Hunter
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January 9, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate the Chicago Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations as you gather to celebrate another phenomenal year working to ensure justice and foster understanding in Chicago and throughout Illinois.

This year's theme at the 11th annual banquet, "Impact: Advocacy that Matters", continues to demonstrate your efforts to ensure civil and human rights for all. We must remain focused in advocating a promising future where we respect one another and work to enhance the chapter's goal of defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance.

Please accept my best wishes for another successful banquet and your continued success.

Sincerely,




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January 27, 2015

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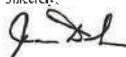
Dear Director Rehab,

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago Chapter, as you celebrate your 11th Anniversary in 2015.

The Council's theme this year shows that you understand the importance of a strong community connection, and the need to recognize and appreciate all who reside in our community.

Again, congratulations on celebrating another year, and continued good luck over the next year as you strive to fulfill your goal of appreciating and respecting everyone's ideas and voices throughout the State and the world.

Sincerely,



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December 30, 2014
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Dear Director Rehab:

As I proudly represent Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Skokie and the 50th Ward in the City of Chicago, I would like to welcome all the attendees to this year's Council on American-Islamic Relations' eleventh Annual Banquet.

Your tireless work on behalf of inclusion and civil rights are invaluable in a world with increasingly less barriers. As Americans, it is essential that we embrace our diversity as a strength that very few countries can match.

Sincerely,



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Dear Members and Guests,

I want to sincerely welcome you all to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter, 11th Annual Banquet.

The Chicago Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations has impacted our area by acting against hatred and injustice, through your advocacy in the communities, schools, government, and other organizations. Together, we can have a more promising future.

Congratulations on a successful event and working to achieve the Chapter's goals in making the most for the next decade of defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance.

Sincerely,



Ed Sullivan
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February 7, 2015

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To members and leaders of CAIR-Chicago:

Please accept this letter of congratulations on CHAIR-Chicago's 11th years of service in Chicago.

This year's theme "Impact! Advocacy that Matters" is congruent with the CHAIR-Chicago mission. The City of Chicago is unique in its wonderfully vibrant and diverse population and CHAIR members continue to teach us all to embrace this diversity.

CHAIR members' strong commitment to action in educating and empowering the community is necessary in fostering a deeper understanding and respect for the many cultures that are the foundation and strength of our community.


Congratulations to all involved in CHAIR-Chicago and it is my hope that 2015 will continue to be a successful year for those who serve and are served by the organization.

Regards,



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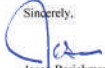
Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
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Dear members and leaders of CAIR-Chicago,

I want to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations for another great year. You have served the Muslim Community of Chicago well by promoting tolerance and understanding. I appreciate your willingness to foster open lines of communications between different cultures and religions.


I hope you enjoy your dinner and truly celebrate your efforts and accomplishments. Congratulations on another successful year!

Sincerely,




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
Dear Friends of CAIR-Chicago,

I am honored to extend my sincere congratulations to CAIR-Chicago on another year of exceptional service to communities across Illinois. Their dedication to promoting social justice is, no doubt, a tireless task, but enhances the lives of Muslim Americans in so many ways: by effectively defending civil rights, promoting personal political empowerment and sponsoring community events that strengthen our society.



There are times when great challenges arise because of the differences between us, whether they are based on race, religion or creed. But organizations like CAIR-Chicago that embrace and strive for diversity instead of sameness enrich the lives of those for whom they advocate and the rest of the community as well. A truly strong and vibrant community doesn't just tolerate diversity, but thrives because of it. CAIR-Chicago has done so much to help communities across Illinois move forward.

Congratulations on all your hard work and a successful celebration.

Kind Regards,



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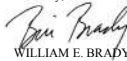
Council Members:

It is my honor to recognize the work that CAIR-Chicago does to defend civil rights and promote tolerance.

I commend this year's theme of "Impact: Advocacy that Matters". As an elected official, I appreciate seeing organizations encourage their members to participate in advocacy on a regular basis. Engaging not only elected officials, but members of the community, is an important way you can have an impact.

I applaud your efforts and look forward to seeing the outcome of your efforts. My best wishes for success.

Sincerely,



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Ahmed M. Rehab
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Congratulations on the Council on American—Islamic Relations' 11th Annual Banquet!

I know I am one among many who appreciates your advocacy in the areas of civil rights, political empowerment, media monitoring and community outreach. Your work is essential to the healthy development of diverse communities.

As diversity nourishes and strengthens us, you preserve an infinite hope that Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. voiced, "I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

Thank you, CAIR-Chicago, for the work you do to shine the light on civil and human rights for all, and thank you for this opportunity to participate in your anniversary celebration!

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Y. Collins
 State Senator, 16th District

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January 6, 2015

Mr. Ahmed Rehab
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Dear Mr. Rehab,

I would like to congratulate the Chicago Office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations on their 11th year of continued advocacy for equitable human and civil rights for all.

As this year's theme suggests, your advocacy has truly made an impact in the Chicagoland community, as well as, across the country. A sustained approach aimed at defending civil rights, fighting prejudice and promoting tolerance over the next decade will ensure that your endeavors will truly have a positive and meaningful impact for future generations.

Organizations such as yours pursue noble causes, not for their own personal gain, but rather to allow members of the larger community to benefit from the vast array of economic freedoms that the United States of America grants to its citizens.

Your efforts do not go unnoticed and your dedication to your cause is truly commendable.

Sincerely,

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January 9, 2015

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Dear Friends:

I write to welcome you to the Council of American Islamic Relation (CAIR) - Chicago's 11th Annual Banquet. Congratulations and thanks to CAIR and all the banquet attendees as you celebrate another year of hard work promoting civic engagement and understanding in Chicagoland's neighborhoods. I commend CAIR's continued advocacy and core mission to defend civil rights, fight bigotry and promote tolerance.

The theme for the Annual Banquet for 2015 is "Impact: Advocacy that Matters." Thank you for all you do to have a positive impact in communities and for all the advocacy work that you promote to make our neighborhoods stronger and more tolerant towards all who live there.

I wish all gathered at the banquet an enjoyable evening and extend my best wishes for continued success.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Don Harmon

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January 20, 2015

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Dear CAIR-Chicago:

I would like to congratulate the Council on American Islamic Relations on its 11th successful year dedicated to protecting the civil rights of Muslims in America. CAIR-Chicago's commitment to addressing hate and bigotry at the community level by working with media to report incidents and educate the Muslim Community on its rights has been a valuable resource to the Muslim community. On the local level, CAIR-Chicago's commitment to seek to strengthen relationships with the media while building coalitions with various minority communities has proven to be valuable to Muslim and non Muslim minorities within those communities.

As your Chicago Executive Director Ahmed Rehab stated in your Annual Report, "Hate is a Self-Addressed Envelope." May this year bring us closer to a hate free society!

Sincerely,

Napoleon B. Harris III


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TOI W. HUTCHINSON
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January 9, 2015

Hello,

I am deeply honored to congratulate the members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter (CAIR-Chicago) on their 11th Anniversary Banquet. I commend this organization on all of the important work they have accomplished over the past years.

The theme of "Impact: Advocacy that Matters" is exciting because we, as a society, need to continually work on effectively advocating for issues that are important to us. CAIR-Chicago has been influential in helping the Muslim community here in Illinois and I would like everyone to know that I stand ready to help move this organization forward in any way that I am able.

Sincerely,


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February 7, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear Friends,

We'd like to personally thank you for those in attendance at CAIR-Chicago's 11th Annual Banquet, and congratulate the organization's staff and members on their outstanding year of advocacy for greater equality, justice and cultural understanding in the City of Chicago and the Muslim community.

Throughout its history, CAIR-Chicago has established connections throughout our community to fight for a more just, equitable, and tolerant society. Through its advocacy that matters, we have sponsored legislative initiatives to advance civil rights and justice, helping to increase tolerance and diversity in Illinois and across the country, and I am confident that CAIR-Chicago will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of Illinoisians for years to come.

Best wishes on an incredible year of continued success in the City of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Dan Kotowski

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State Senator - 28th District

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January 7, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear CAIR Chicago members and guests:

I want to extend my congratulations to you as you celebrate another successful year as the nation's fastest growing chapter of an extraordinary Muslim civil rights organization. As you gather for your eleventh annual banquet, you can proudly reflect on the significant contributions you have made to equality under the law and a better tomorrow for people of all races and faiths.

By attending here tonight, you are expressing your commitment to a just, tolerant, compassionate society. You live out values that you share with people of goodwill throughout Illinois. Your focus this evening on making an impact and engaging in advocacy that matters is both an apt description of the way in which you conduct yourselves and a goal toward which all advocates for civil rights and justice should aspire.

On behalf of the residents of the 20th Legislative District, I assure you of my support and best wishes for many more years of building our community together.

Sincerely,

Iris Y. Martinez


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December 16, 2014

Dear Friends:

As State Senator of the 43rd District, I extend my best wishes to all attending CAIR-Chicago's 11th Annual Banquet.

The Muslim Community is an important part of the 43rd Senate District, particularly in Bolingbrook and Romeoville. Through religion, sports, culture, the professions, and business, Muslim Americans add much to the area I am honored to represent.

I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago for another successful year. You have my appreciation for your commitment to justice and opportunity for all.

Sincerely,

Pat McGuire

Pat McGuire
State Senator, District 43

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Dear friends

Congratulations to the Chicago Chapter of CAIR on another successful year of advancing justice and mutual understanding between Muslims and members of other faith communities. Your message of tolerance and communication has enriched the Chicago community and the entire State of Illinois.

My best wishes for another successful banquet and another successful year.

Sincerely,

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MICHAEL NOLAND
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January 13, 2015

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Dear Friends:

I am honored to congratulate CAIR-Chicago and again offer my support to your good work in all of our communities being leading advocates for justice and mutual understanding.

I applaud your theme, "Impact: Advocacy that Matters" for the 11th Annual Banquet, and wish you a very successful event. I salute you for celebrating CAIR-Chicago's 11th Anniversary!

On behalf of my constituents of Illinois State 22nd District, please accept my best wishes for much continued success!

Sincerely yours,

Michael Noland
State Senator

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February 7, 2015

Dear CAIR Chicago members and guests:

Congratulations as you celebrate another successful year as the nation's fastest growing chapter of a civil rights organization rightly revered for its success in building bridges and moving our nation closer to achieving the American dream for all. As you gather for tonight's celebration, you can take pride in the valuable contributions you've made – not only for Muslims in the Chicago area, but for people of every faith, everywhere.

Recent events have clarified the importance of your brand of focused, informed, sustained advocacy that matters. As Americans react to incidents of terrorism and racism, as we reflect on the values of free speech and the freedom to worship and as we continue to debate the role of immigrants in our society, we can always look to CAIR to take a balanced and steadfast stand. Thank you for calling us to live up to our ideals, choosing acceptance and partnership rather than fear.

I wish you much success this evening and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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Heather A. Steans
SENATOR

February, 2015

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Council on American Islamic Relations – Chicago on their 11th Annual Banquet. This event celebrates another year of CAIR-Chicago advocating for civil rights on behalf of the American Muslim community.

CAIR-Chicago's work has fostered understanding and tolerance within our communities and I commend their innovative campaigns to promote peaceful and productive dialogues that serve as a model for others. CAIR-Chicago's work reminds us that society should never tolerate discrimination.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and continued success in the future.


Sincerely,

Heather Steans
State Senator – District 7

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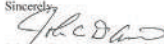
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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to offer this letter congratulating the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago) on another successful year of defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance.

As the largest organization committed to protecting and promoting the civil rights and liberties of Muslim Americans, CAIR-Chicago has made great strides in engaging all communities to build mutual understanding and trust, and to encourage the creation of a nation that appreciates the ideas, voices, and experiences of all people both here and throughout the world. This year's theme of "Impact: Advocacy that Matters" aims to go beyond feelings of sincerity and good will and to generate measurable actions that are effective against hatred and injustice, and I am honored to be able to take part.

I commend CAIR-Chicago on its ongoing efforts and wish the organization nothing but continued success. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your celebration.

Sincerely,

 John C. D'Amico




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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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December 20, 2014


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Dear Director Rehab,

As the Illinois State Representative of the 5th District, I would like to congratulate the Council of American-Islamic Relations on its 11th Anniversary in 2015, as well as welcome everyone that has gathered for this grand event.

As the 2015 theme suggests, "Impact: Advocacy that Matters", CAIR-Chicago has had a tremendous impact on actively protecting the civil rights of diverse cultures and religions, while promoting tolerance, unity, and brotherhood. By collaboratively working with government, businesses, schools, public offices, and religious organizations, CAIR has also positively impacted the fight for civil and human rights and equality for all.

Again, congratulations on the Chapter's 11th year anniversary, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

 Ken Dunkin
 State Representative, 5th District




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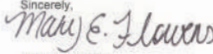
Dear Director Rehab,


It is with great honor that I offer a congratulations to CAIR-Chicago as your outstanding organization celebrates on your 11th Anniversary in 2015.

Once again CAIR-Chicago can continue to move forward on an amazing mission with the theme for this year's event being "Impact: Advocacy the Matters" which epitomizes the great work of the Illinois Muslim Community.

CAIR-Chicago is the role model that we should all aspire to embody and support. Again, I would like to congratulate CAIR-Chicago and all of your efforts in the future.

Thank you CAIR-Chicago!


Sincerely,

 Mary E. Flowers
 State Representative, 31st District



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
Dear Friends,


I want to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago for its important work to ensure civil rights and promote justice and tolerance within our community.

As CAIR's annual celebration enters its second decade, a very appropriate theme has been selected -- "Impact: Advocacy that Matters." This should remind us that while positive rhetoric is important, actual change - change that leads to less bigotry and more tolerance - is even more important. It is important that we not only set goals, but that we take concrete steps towards achieving them.

Fortunately, we are blessed to have organizations such as CAIR dedicated to reinforcing the need to build mutual understanding and trust among the many creeds, colors, religions and backgrounds that make up our community and our country. This diversity is our strength.

Again, welcome to all in attendance tonight, and may 2015 prove to be a wonderful and successful year for CAIR-Chicago and all those it serves.

Sincerely,

 La Shawn K. Ford
 State Representative - Eighth District



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Dear Mr. Rehab,

Congratulations on another successful year at CAIR-Chicago. As the nation's largest Muslim civil rights organization, CAIR has been a leader in issues of social justice, tolerance and anti-discrimination policies.

This year's gala theme, Impact: Advocacy That Matters, is of particular importance. It is not enough to merely recognize the challenges that we face. We have to turn these sentiments into measurable action to combat hatred and injustice and promote civil and human rights.

Again, congratulation on another successful year of promoting and working for social justice and civil rights. I look forward to continuing to work with you, your staff and your organization.

Best regards,

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January 26, 2015

Mr. Ahmed Rehab
 Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Rehab

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter's 11th Annual Banquet and on another successful year in your work to promote equality and civil rights for all.

Over the last 11 years, CAIR has worked to create a more accepting and tolerant society through a deeper understanding of Islam. An diverse state, we are at our best when we embrace our differences and work together. You have put this ideal into action repeatedly, as an outspoken advocate to pass comprehensive immigration reform and in your dedication to religious freedom in the military.

This year's theme of "Impact: Advocacy That Matters" shows your understanding that our common bond with communities, schools, government, law enforcement, and organizations must go beyond feelings of sympathy and good will. It is a call for your continued fight in our nation's quest to ensure civil and human rights for all and for helping us to create a future that will help our communities come together to respect and appreciate one another's ideas, voices and experiences both here and throughout the world.

Sincerely,

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January 5, 2015

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

This letter is to convey my continued support for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and what they stand for: equality and civil rights for all. Every resident of the community has something to gain from working to prevent future violence through education about diverse cultures and religions. Therefore, I believe this year's theme "Impact: Advocacy that Matters" is appropriate for the 11th Annual Banquet celebration.

Congratulations on your 11th Anniversary. You should be very proud of your achievement and I commend you for all of your hard work.

Thank you for your generous time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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January 9, 2015

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my congratulations to you, and all that will be celebrating, on your 11th Annual Banquet.

It is very important and crucial to the community that you work so hard to protect and defend the constitutional rights of American Muslims, thereby supporting the rights of all Americans.



I wish you continued success in your efforts as a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding.

Sincerely,

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MICHELLE MUSSMAN
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 56TH DISTRICT

January 10, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations
Chicago Chapter
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Dear Friends:

I would like to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter on your 11th Annual Banquet. I commend you for another successful year in working to promote religious understanding and ensure justice throughout Illinois.

The theme for this year, "Impact: Advocacy that Matters," resonates close to home for many elected officials, including myself. CAIR-Chicago's efforts to educate elected officials, community leaders and the general public on religious tolerance have yielded tremendous results. The impact you have had on the greater Chicagoland area is immeasurable, from promoting acceptance to denouncing hateful political rhetoric, CAIR-Chicago is a leader in ensuring civil and human rights for all.

Once again, I applaud your efforts and look forward to working together to advocate for a world free of bigotry, intolerance and hatred. Congratulations on your 11th Anniversary and please accept my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,




Michelle Mussman
Illinois State Representative
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January 9, 2015

Mr. Ahmed Rehab
Executive Director, Chicago Chapter
Council on American Islamic Relations
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Congratulations to the Council on American Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter's 11th Annual Banquet and the national organization's 21st Anniversary.

This year's theme, "Impact: Advocacy That Matters" speaks to the chapter's goal of continuing the mission of defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance. Notwithstanding the unfortunate issues of people peacefully co-existing in our country and across the world, your organization has been a steadfast leader in promoting peace and understanding.

Thank you for your leadership and best wishes for another year of advocacy work in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Sincerely,




Al Riley
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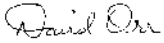
Dear Friends,

Congratulations to CAIR-Chicago as you celebrate its 11th successful year at your Annual Banquet.

Your dedication to defending civil rights, open communication, and promoting tolerance is well described by this year's theme "Impact: Advocacy that Matters."


I wish you an enjoyable evening, and continued success in your good work.

Sincerely,




David Orr

ANITA ALVAREZ
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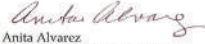
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Council of American-Islamic Relations - Chicago Chapter's 11th Anniversary Banquet.

CAIR-Chicago's longstanding commitment to fostering an understanding of the Islamic culture by sharing its history and traditions is to be commended. Advocating justice and respect through cultural awareness is important in today's society where many communities, like Cook County, thrive in their cultural diversity.

CAIR-Chicago has my best wishes for another great year of success and progress.

Sincerely,



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February 7, 2015

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Greetings to you and everyone attending the 11th Annual Banquet of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago Chapter. The selected theme, "Impact: Advocacy that Matters" resonates with me as a reminder that we must continue to support all efforts to provide equal rights for all.

I applaud CAIR-Chicago for its commitment to ending practices of ethnic defamation and discrimination in our communities, and its efforts to unite individuals from various backgrounds in support of its mission to ensure justice for all. The CAIR organization works tirelessly to promote understanding across racial, religious and cultural lines, and thereby serves to enhance the quality of life for all Americans.

For its dedication to inclusiveness, civic responsibility and human rights, I extend best wishes for continued success to the Chicago Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Brown
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

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COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

December 18, 2014

Mr. Ahmed Rehab
Executive Director
CAIR-Chicago
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Congratulations to the Council on American Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter's 10th Annual Banquet and the national organization's 20th Anniversary.

Your theme, "Forward", highlights the progress CAIR-Chicago has made in helping the prevention of future violence through education about diverse cultures and religions. You have demonstrated your passion and dedication in advocating for immigration reform tirelessly and CAIR-Chicago has advanced Illinois as a leader in combatting a political climate that often ostracizes people of color.

I am grateful to you and the CAIR staff for consistently advocating for our diverse communities for tolerance, religious freedom, trust and safety which are vital components of the tapestry woven into the history of the United States.

I commend you for your outstanding efforts and look forward to further advancements in our work together.

Sincerely,

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January 22, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations on another successful year dedicated to promoting justice and tolerance for our Muslim community throughout the Cook County region. Over the years, the Council has played an important role in improving the understanding of different cultures and fighting intolerance, bigotry and hatred.

As you celebrate your 11th Annual CAIR-Chicago Banquet, I hope you are proud of your past accomplishments and look forward to the important work ahead.

I wish the Council many more years of ensuring justice for your communities and to fostering understanding throughout Chicagoland and am happy to celebrate another successful year with you.

Sincerely,

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December 22, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is with great honor that I offer greetings and salutations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations of Chicago on the occasion of your 11th Annual Banquet. I applaud your efforts and your mission to defend civil rights, fight bigotry and promote tolerance.

I live by the motto of "Don't be a part of the problem, be a part of solution." CAIR has been a part of the solution by creating relationships and connections with communities, schools, government, law enforcement, and organizations that result in measurable actions that fight against hatred and injustice. The services you provide to the American-Islamic Community of Cook County and beyond are immeasurable.

Because of your commendable efforts to encourage equality, enhance cultural knowledge, and promote justice you are protecting the future advancement opportunities of generations to come. Congratulations on another successful year of education, growth and empowerment.

Sincerely,

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January 21, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations Chicago Chapter
17 North State Street, Suite 1500
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Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my best wishes to CAIR-Chicago on your 11th Annual Banquet. What a wonderful opportunity to look back and celebrate the positive impact CAIR has had on Chicago for more than a decade, while also looking forward to the work yet to be done.

With an eye toward the future, CAIR-Chicago has made *Impact: Advocacy that Matters* the theme of tonight's celebration. What an important reminder that in order to ensure civil and human rights for all, we must come together to respect one another and the diversity of our ideas, beliefs and experiences.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to CAIR for the amazing work they do advocating for justice and mutual understanding between the many different religions and cultures in our city. By defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, promoting tolerance, and providing Islamic perspective on issues of importance, CAIR-Chicago is enhancing understanding of the Islamic religion in one of the most diverse cities in the nation.

I hope you all enjoy tonight's banquet, and I wish CAIR-Chicago much success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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December 17, 2014

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Rehab,

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago Chapter on its 11th Anniversary. The Council's hard work in advancing mutual respect for differing ideas, beliefs, and experiences are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do in promoting tolerance and peace. Best of luck, and enjoy the banquet.

Sincerely,

John P. Daley
Cook County Commissioner



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January 8, 2015

Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
Council on American-Islamic Relations
17 North State Street, Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Ahmed,

I am pleased to congratulate and salute the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR Chicago) on their 11th Annual Banquet being held February 7, 2015 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook, IL. While unfortunately I am unable to attend, I wanted to extend my best wishes for a successful event. The work your organization does continues to be a beacon of light and a valued resource that educates the masses on Muslim civil rights and experiences.

Again, I congratulate CAIR-Chicago on its growth, success and unwavering stand in the fight for justice, understanding and tolerance for all while celebrating and embracing our cultural differences.

Sincerely,

William D. Burns
Alderman, 4th Ward



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February 7, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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17 N. State Street
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Dear Friends,

Congratulations are in order to the Council on American-Islamic Relations for another productive year. I want to especially commend the Council for its 11 years of fighting bigotry, defending civil rights and promoting tolerance here in Chicago. Their exceptional work enriches the Muslim Community and facilitates important dialogue in our neighborhoods and beyond.

I welcome all in attendance tonight at the banquet. And I wish you all a successful and fruitful dinner as we celebrate CAIR-Chicago and their efforts.

Sincerely,

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February 7, 2015

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Chicago Chapter
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Dear CAIR-Chicago Members:

Congratulations on CAIR-Chicago's 11th Annual Banquet. I commend you on your "Impact" theme, which calls on each of us to work every day for mutual respect and justice for all people.

I thank you for your exemplary work on behalf of Chicago's Muslim-American community as well as the rest of us who advocate against prejudice. Through outreach activities and awareness campaigns, may the Muslim-American community continue to develop strong partnerships that bring us all together as one.

Again, congratulations and have a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward

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January 15, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear Friends,

As Alderman of the 33rd Ward, I am honored to welcome you to CAIR-Chicago's 11th Annual Banquet. I would like to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations Chicago for their important work which seeks to ensure civil rights, justice and tolerance within our communities.

As CAIR's celebrates its second decade, the selected theme, "Impact: Advocacy that Matters" reminds us that change which promotes less bigotry and greater tolerance is a laudable goal. While it is important that we set goals, it is also important in carrying out those steps which are needed to accomplish them.

Once again, welcome to those in attendance tonight, and best wishes for a successful 2015 for CAIR-Chicago.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
CAIR-Chicago
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Dear Friends:

As Alderman of the 49th Ward, I would like to welcome the attendees of the Council of American-Islamic Relations to the eleventh annual banquet, and to extend my congratulations on years of fighting discrimination and promoting tolerance in the community. Muslim-Americans have made tremendous contributions to my community and CAIR-Chicago has advocated for Muslim-Americans across the City.

The theme of this banquet aligns with CAIR-Chicago's mission of continually fighting for equality, educating to eliminate ignorance, and promoting tolerance for everyone. It stresses the importance of creating meaningful change for our entire community. I fully support CAIR-Chicago on this endeavor and I look forward to working together for years to come.

The residents of the 49th Ward wish you the best as you celebrate and rededicate your efforts. We hope for your continued success in helping Chicago become a more tolerant and inclusive community for Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Moore

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January 12, 2015

Linda Jackson
Village President

Mission Statement

The Village of Glendale Heights strives to improve the quality of life for all of its residents and commits to serve, protect and provide a high standard of services and programs through the cooperative efforts of its residents, businesses, employees and elected officials.

Greetings! On behalf of the Village of Glendale Heights, I would like to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter's 11th Annual Banquet celebration.

A promising future is guaranteed when we all come together to respect and appreciate one another's ideas, voices, and experiences - both here and throughout the world.


As Village President of the Village of Glendale Heights, please accept my sincere best wishes at the 11th Anniversary of CAIR Chicago Annual Banquet. This year's event theme is "Impact: Advocacy that Matters", which is a huge part of today's society. I am honored to know that you are working towards these sentiments, resulting in measurable actions that are effective against hatred and injustice. Amid significant historical moments and reflections in our nation's quest to ensure civil and human rights for all, I am proud that your chapter is taking on this goal of making the most for our next decade of defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance.

Thank you for your hard work and motivation to make a difference in this world. I look forward to the success of your event, and that the success of your goal is even greater!


Sincerely,

Linda Jackson
Village President

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David J. Kaplain
MAYOR

January 7, 2015

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear Friends:

Please accept my best wishes for another successful banquet capping yet another successful year fulfilling your mission to defend civil rights, fight bigotry and promote tolerance.

The best weapons against hate and bigotry are communication and education. I enjoyed my recent visit to the Institute of Islamic Education in Elgin. The courtesy and warmth which I received will be a lasting memory for me.

I wish you continued success in your mission and offer my assistance in welcoming your members to the Elgin community.

Sincerely,



David J. Kaplain
Mayor, City of Elgin



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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PRESIDENT

December 12, 2014

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab, Executive Director
Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago Chapter
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Dear Mr. Rehab:


It is my pleasure, as President of the Village of Oak Brook, to extend congratulations to the members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Chicago Chapter on another successful year!

The fitting theme for this year's event, "Impact: Advocacy that Matters", advocates for measurable results that would be effective in promoting understanding and tolerance in our communities. I commend CAIR-Chicago not only for all you do, but also for their unending commitment in helping to engage all communities in building mutual understanding, respect and trust.


Congratulations on a great year and best wishes for another successful event.

Thank you for all you do.


Sincerely,



Gopal G. Lalimalani, MD., M.B.A.
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January 15, 2015


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Dear Members and Guests:


As Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, I am pleased to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations for your service to the Chicagoland Muslim Community and to commend you for continuing to foster improved respect and understanding of the diversity of our communities and our region. I wish you a successful event as you enjoy your 11th Annual Banquet.

On behalf of the village board and the residents of Orland Park, my sincere best wishes for a meaningful event.


Sincerely,



Daniel J. McLaughlin
Mayor



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January 23, 2015

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On behalf of the Village of Bensenville and our Board of Trustees, it is my honor to extend congratulations to the members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations on a another very successful year.

The Village of Bensenville commends and supports CAIR-Chicago's mission to defend civil rights, fight bigotry, and promote tolerance.

As our country continues to grow and change it is important that we continue to work together and embrace diversity. Bensenville is a diverse community of residents and businesses and we to continue to grow, support and embrace this.

Once again, congratulations to your organization and best wishes for a successful 2015 and many years to come.

Sincerely,



Frank Soto
Village President



February 1, 2015

Dear Members and Guests of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR),

On behalf of the residents of Rosemont, Illinois, and the management and staff of the Donald E. Stephens Conference Center, we are delighted to welcome you to CAIR's 11th annual banquet, this year addressing the issue of responsible and impactful advocacy.

You have chosen a formidable topic to study and promote. Advocacy is a productive activity that is the natural outgrowth of a free and democratic society.

CAIR continues to focus keenly on advocating for the basic principles that make our nation great. Civil rights, peace and justice for all.

We congratulate you, both on your "Advocacy that Matters" banquet on Saturday, February 7, 2015, and on CAIR's annual report, in which this letter will appear. We are sure that the annual report will present the insights and accomplishments CAIR has achieved, based upon its solid commitment and on-going activities.

We salute your on-going efforts to promote civil rights and justice for all, and we thank you, once again, for choosing the Donald E. Stephens Conference Center in Rosemont for your gala annual banquet.

Best wishes,

 Mayor Brad Stephens



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January 9, 2015



Ahmed M. Rehab
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Dear Director Rehab:

Thank you for the opportunity to write a letter of support for your work to ensure justice and foster understanding. Evanston is a diverse community that benefits from everything you do. My thanks go to everyone who is attending your event.

Congratulations on a phenomenal past year and best wishes for the future. You are helping the entire Chicagoland area with what I am sure will be a successful event and another memorable year.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Tisdahl
 Mayor



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December 17, 2014



Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab, Executive Director
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Dear Director Rehab:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations and all those involved on another successful year in promoting equality and civil rights for all.

The Council's belief that a promising future can be achieved by respecting and appreciating one another's ideas, voices and experiences is one that can provide hope and optimism for all. In this world we live in today it is important to understand and respect one another.

Once again, congratulations on your 11th Anniversary.

Respectfully yours,

 Edward J. Zbocki
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January 8, 2015



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Dear Director Rehab and Council Members,

Congratulations to the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on the occasion of your 11th Annual Banquet.

While your annual event will reflect on the successes experienced by the chapter over the past year, it is events like this that keep us aware that we must not waver in our fight for equality and justice for all people. As leaders in our communities, we must remain in the fight and remain vigilant. To that end, we encourage you to remain steadfast in your quest to realize the goals of the Council and the Chicago Chapter.

Our hope is that in the years before us your accomplishments will indeed create the impact the CAIR-Chicago continues to work toward not only in Chicago and vicinity, but across our great nation. Best wishes for a great event.

With Regards,

Karen Freeman-Wilson
 Mayor, Gary, Indiana

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How to support us...

We all have something valuable to learn from and inspire within each other, and Inshallah (God willing), we continue to be granted the opportunity to do so. CAIR-Chicago thanks all the volunteers, interns and staff who have given their time and effort to the advancement of the Muslim Community, CAIR-Chicago, and social justice, and encourages continued involvement in the years to come.

SUPPORT US

Scholars have confirmed that CAIR-Chicago is an eligible recipient of Zakat. As always, your donations to CAIR-Chicago are tax deductible.

- Sign up for CAIR-Chicago's Dollar-A-Day program at cairchicago.org/dollar-a-day
- Make a general donation at cairchicago.org/make-a-donation-form
- Check to see if your employer has a **gift matching program**
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- Donate vehicles via **Cars 4 Causes** by going to cars4causes.net/charity-car-donation/cair-chicago
- Participate in our Amazon Smile program. Go to smile.amazon.com

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- **Apply for an internship/externship/law clerkship** at cairchicago.org/intern-center
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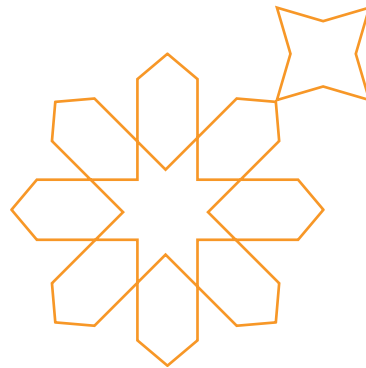
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